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1. All vessels bound for Sassnitz (P-87) and other ports on Rügen Island must call at Stralsund for clearance before proceeding to their port of destination.
2. The breakwater at Sassnitz has been damaged. Repairs have been started but work is progressing very slowly.
3. Four former German M-boats were [redacted] stationed at Sassnitz [redacted] 50%
[redacted] They were manned by Soviet personnel and proceeded to
sea once or twice a week for practice cruises and target shooting. [redacted] 50%
[redacted] eight motor torpedo boats
(Schnellboote) of German construction and twelve minesweepers of a smaller
type were observed in the harbor [redacted]
4. The harbor of Sassnitz is barricaded off and the Sixth Russian Minesweeper Division was reported to be stationed there [redacted] This 50%
division was equipped with six minesweepers of the latest German type. These vessels, armed with one 105 mm gun each, displaced 600 tons.
5. No work has been carried out on the salvaging of the SS "Hamburg", sunk just outside the harbor, but salvage equipment has recently arrived in Sassnitz.
6. No Soviet warships were seen in Stralsund, but a few craft belonging to the harbor police patrol the fairway leading to the port. Some repairs have been carried out in the dockyard, but these have taken a long time because of the lack of material and the shortage of skilled laborers. The shipbuilding yard at Stralsund is now building both fishing craft and small naval units for the Russians.
7. [redacted] the SS "Colburg" received orders to load 50%
two large tanks about 20 ft. by 10 ft. and to deliver them alongside the salvaged SS "Berlin", which was anchored in Swinemünde roads. The "Berlin" was still drawing too much water to enter Swinemünde harbor. The tanks were taken on board the "Berlin" and filled with some type of acid to clean the tools and implements salvaged out of the engine room.
8. The ^Rugendamm (causeway) was to be opened for use [redacted]

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9. [redacted] Polish authorities began to dismantle cranes on the portside of Stettin Harbor and transported them by sea to Poland.

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10. At the Neptunwerft, Postock, two new slipways were [redacted] under construction [redacted] Some of the materials to be used were those removed from the Blohm and Voss works at Hamburg.

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